

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the Claims, without prejudice, as shown below in the listing of claims. The listing of claims, shown below, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the instant Application:

Listings of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A stable, aqueous froth ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of the reaction product of: a) one or more copolymers or interpolymers of ethylene and/or 1-propene with or without other monomers selected from C₄ to C₁₀ olefins and having an ethylene or 1-propene content from about 2-98 weight percent; b) water; c) a frothing surfactant; and d) a gas; where the components comprise about: a) 35 to 75 percent, b) 35 to 75 percent and c) 1 to 6 percent of the combined weight of a), b) and c), and d) is present in an amount such that d) comprises at least 80 percent of the total volume of all components present in the froth.
2. (Original) The froth of Claim 1 which further comprises component e) a foam stabilizer selected from: alkylcellulose ethers, hydroxyalkyl cellulose ethers, hydroxyalkyl alkylcellulose ethers, guar gum, xanthan gum, and polyoxyethylene resins of at least 20,000 molecular weight, said component e) present in the amount of from about 0.05 to about 2 percent based on the dry weight of component a) polymer.
3. (Original) The froth of Claim 1 where component a) is a copolymer of ethylene with an alpha-olefin comonomer of from 3 to 10 carbon atoms.
4. (Original) The froth of Claim 3 where the alpha-olefin comonomer is selected from 1-propene, 1-butene, 1-hexene and 1-octene and component a) has a melt index between about 0.5 and

- about 30 g/10 min as determined by ASTM D1238 (condition 190 deg C./2.16 kg).
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23. (Currently amended) An absorbent article selected from a baby diaper, a feminine hygiene product, an adult incontinence hygiene product, a wound dressing pad, a surgical sponge, a food packaging pad, a wiping towel and a wiping sponge, where the article comprises a component made from the foam froth of Claim 5, ~~15 or 16~~ 1, 2, 3, 4.
24. (Currently amended) A laminate comprising ~~(a)~~ at least one layer of the Ffroth of any one of Claims 1-4, and ~~(b)~~ at least one substrate layer on which the said Ffroth layer is laid, doctored or spread.
25. (Currently amended) A laminate of Claim 24 wherein ~~(b)~~ the at least one substrate layer is prepared from a layer of a second Ffroth, a preformed open-cell foam, a thermoplastic sheet or

film, a woven or non-woven fabric, or melt spun-bonded or melt-blown material.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently amended) A laminated structure of Claim ~~26~~ 24 wherein ~~(b)~~ the at least one substrate layer is selected from a layer of a second open-cell foam, a thermoplastic sheet or film, a woven or non-woven fabric, or melt spun-bonded or melt-blown material.

28. (Currently amended) An absorbent article selected from a baby diaper, a feminine hygiene product, an adult incontinence hygiene product, a wound dressing pad, a surgical sponge, a medical garment, a surgical drapery, a wiping towel, a wiping sponge and a food packaging pad, where wherein the article comprises a component made from the laminated structure of Claim 27.

29. (Cancelled).

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